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WASHINGTON, September 30, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 25 totaled an estimated 11.5 billion ton-miles, 38.5 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. This year's loadings were severely impacted by the 4-day strike by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers which affected most of the nation's railroads.

Cumulative volume for the first 39 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 601.7 billion ton-miles, 12.4 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended September 25 totaled 279,885 cars, 38.0 percent below 1981, and 22.4 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 35.7 percent in the East, 34.8 percent in the South, and 41.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, all of the 21 commodity groups were down, and all of the groups declined from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended September 18 totaled 41,642 cars, up 16.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 69,527 trailers and/or containers, 7.6 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 38 weeks of the year was 2,287,665 cars, 6.8 percent higher than last year, and 2,419,507 trailers and/or containers, up 6.9 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/25/82:

	Loadings in Week ended September 25, 1982		Change from Corresponding Week 1981			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	15,051	D	9,680	39.1	D	7,357	32.8
Other farm products	2,233	D	2,097	48.4	D	568	20.3
Metallic ores	11,665	D	21,653	65.0	D	430	3.6
Coal	83,184	D	54,247	39.5	D	29,722	26.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	6,998	D	6,009	46.2	D	3,145	31.0
Nonmetallic minerals	7,803	D	6,112	43.9	D	1,945	20.0
Grain mill products	10,091	D	4,839	32.4	D	2,170	17.7
Food and kindred products	10,538	D	4,985	32.1	D	3,410	24.4
Primary forest products	10,899	D	8,130	42.7	D	3,798	25.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	4,727	D	2,607	35.5	D	1,356	22.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,651	D	5,270	27.9	D	2,082	13.2
Chemicals and allied products	18,088	D	7,211	28.5	D	3,715	17.0
Petroleum products	3,411	D	1,631	32.3	D	1,307	27.7
Stone, clay and glass products	8,918	D	4,459	33.3	D	2,142	19.4
Coke	3,957	D	2,863	42.0	D	287	6.8
Metals and products	6,264	D	9,124	59.3	D	1,195	16.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	11,633	D	2,629	18.4	D	3,147	21.3
Waste and scrap materials	5,782	D	6,075	51.2	D	1,953	25.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	6,723	D	3,362	33.3	D	1,530	18.5
All other carloads	38,086	D	8,849	18.9	D	9,343	19.7
LCL traffic	183	D	30	14.1	D	53	22.5
Total Cars Loaded	279,885	D	171,862	38.0	D	80,655	22.4
Corresponding week of 1981	451,747						

	1982	1981	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (39 weeks)	14,115,920	16,353,052	D 13.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
38 Weeks cumulative	590.3	668.0	D 11.6
Week ended September 25	11.5	18.6	D 38.5
39 Weeks cumulative	601.7	686.6	D 12.4

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